Chapter 7

Ten Thousand Kinds of Love

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The Little Sister Who Got Abandoned (2)

THE STRAWBERRY MURDER CASE
Lin Zhen
I'VE NEVER MENTIONED TO THOSE KIDS THAT I REALLY LIKE THE NOVELS WRITTEN BY THEIR MOTHER.

I'VE LIKED THOSE BOOKS YEARS EVEN BEFORE I MET THEM.

Are you reading that book again?
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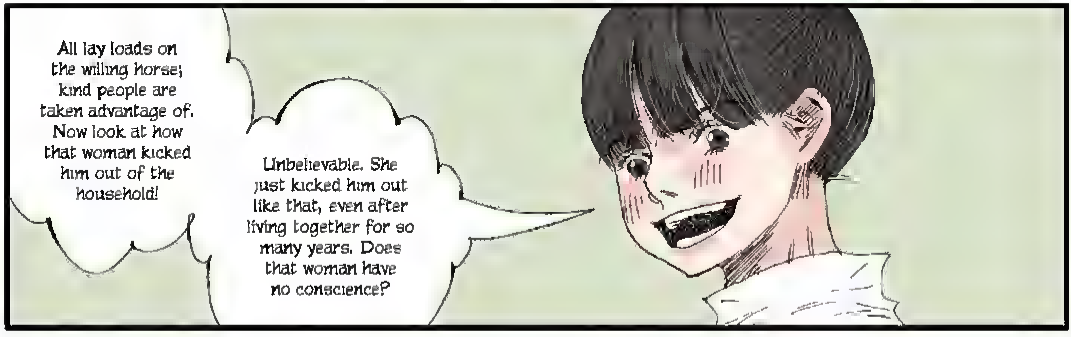
I just don't get it. What's the point of re-reading it?
It's understandable if it's prose, but with crime fiction... you already know who the murderer is!
After knowing the identity of the murderer, and then going back to search for clues - that's what makes it so interesting.
And her writing style is really good, so even reading a random passage is enjoyable.
Is that so?
The ad sounds intimidating- "The first edition had sold 800 thousand copies, a milestone for Chinese crime novels"..
I really want to meet her and see what she's like.
This person is truly awful. I've never seen a mother as irresponsible as her!

Yihua has a sensitive digestive system, and always has stomachaches in the middle of the night. Every time this happens, her brother brings her to the hospital.
Do you know how worried I get when I watch those two kids make their way to the hospital in the dark?
Sometimes even Sanguo tags along! What's with that brat Zhinian - can't he just leave her at home?
It's because he's too amiable- he just doesn't know how to say 'no'.


All lay loads on the willing horse; kind people are taken advantage of. Now look at how that woman kicked him out of the household!
Unbelievable. She just kicked him out like that, even after living together for so many years. Does that woman have no conscience?

Don't jump to your own conclusion.
Apparently, Zhinian left home out of his own volition.

He was so close with the girls. Why'd he be willing to leave?
How horrid of her to just banish someone out of the house and then claim that he left on his own!
Hold on. I know why you're defending her.
Oh?
It's because of this photo!
You men - you're all shallow creatures!
Don't be so naive. The photo's been touched up, you know? A woman with such a wicked heart cannot possibly have a beautiful face.
Pah
Here. I'm going back to work. Nurses are quite busy.
Yes, yes, thank you for your hard work, m'lady.
Ah, almost forgot about the business I came here for.

The ER doesn't have any extra beds. Where do you plan on letting Sanguo sleep?
Why, of course I'll rely on you, Lady Nurse.
I knew you'd say that. Alright, she can sleep in my bed.
You better repay me! Treat me to super fancy Italian cuisine!
Yes, yes, of course.
Thank you so much, m'lady.
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It's time for bed.
Ok!
Doctor... Do you like Sanguo?
I sure do.
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Doctor, you're the best.
What's the matter?
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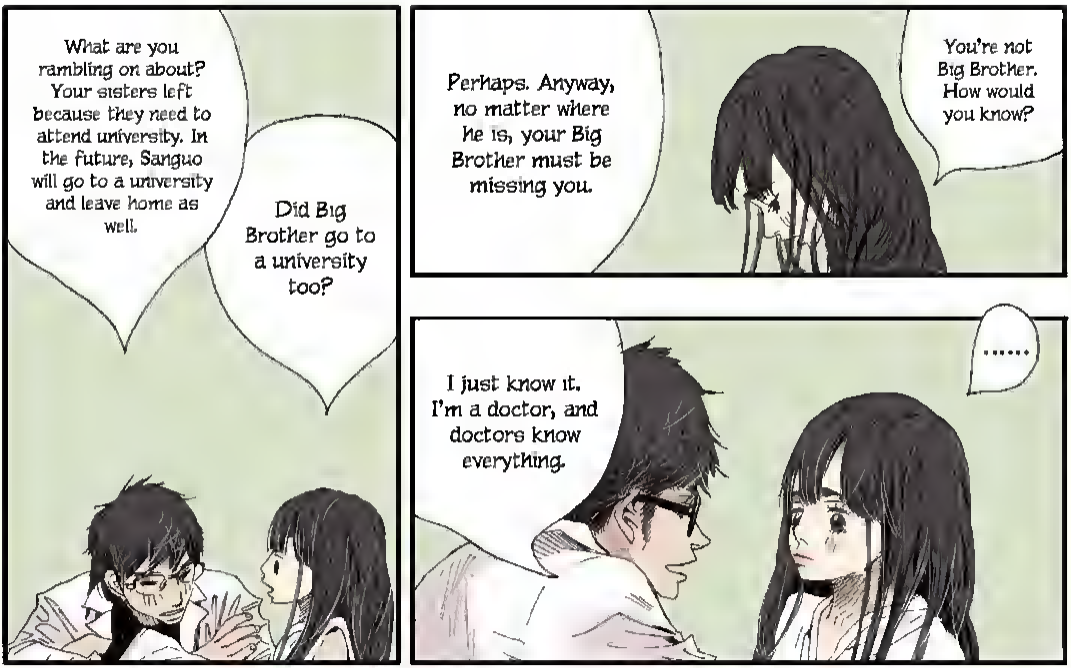
Big Brother used to like Sanguo, too, but... he went away.
My sisters are gone too. They don't like Sanguo anymore.


What are you rambling on about? Your sisters left because they need to attend university. In the future, Sanguo will go to a university and leave home as well.
Did Big Brother go to a university too?
Perhaps. Anyway, no matter where he is, your Big Brother must be missing you.
You're not Big Brother. How would you know?
I just know it. I'm a doctor, and doctors know everything.
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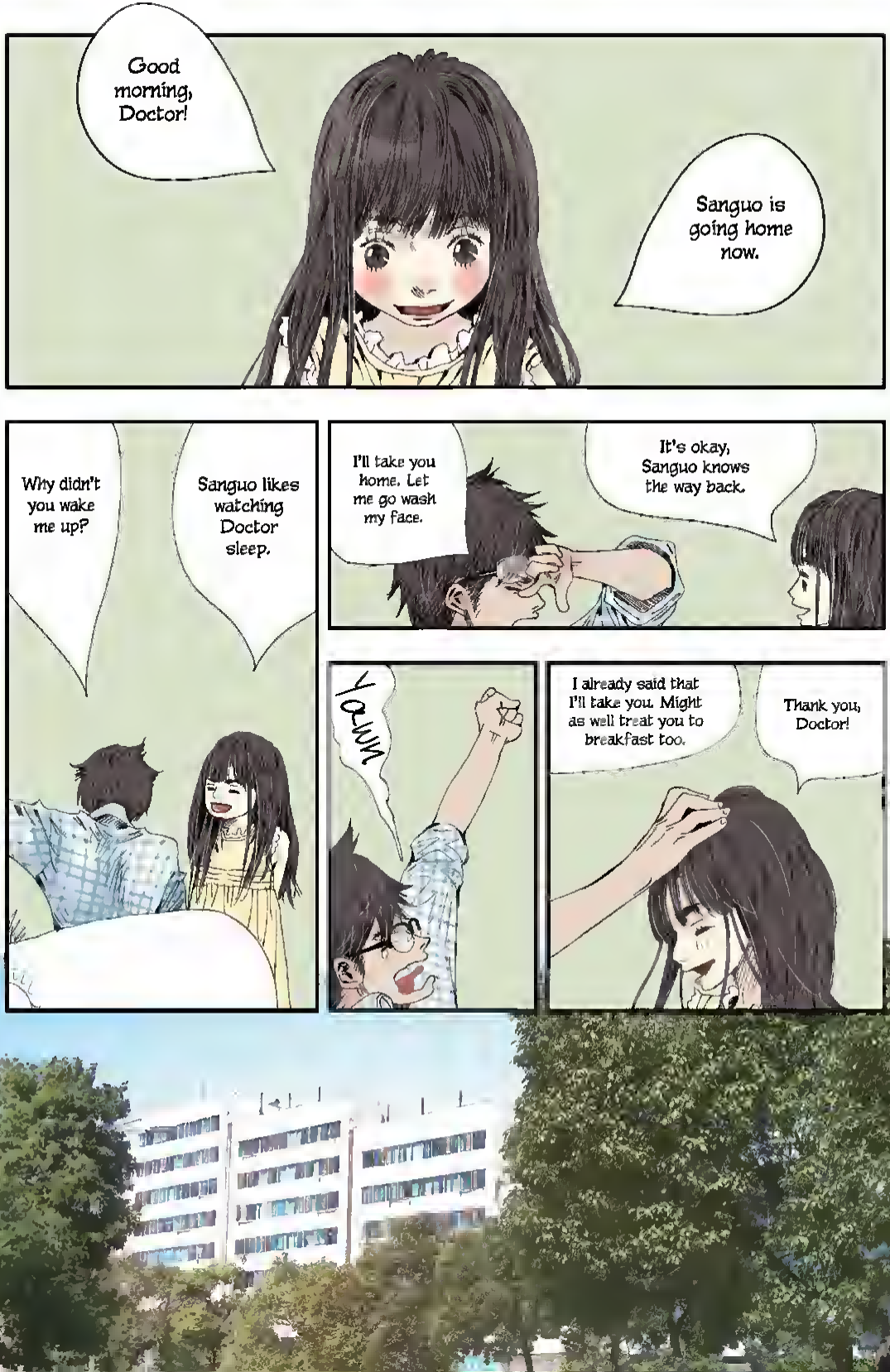
Mn.

It was one month before the start of the new school year when Yihua and Erye hurriedly packed their luggages and left for their new school.

The two of them couldn't wait to escape from that household.

LEAVING THEIR YOUNGEST SISTER BEHIND.
THE STRAWBERRY MURDER CASE
TO BE HONEST I WAS A BIT PISSED OFF - AT THE TWO OF THEM AND AT ZHINIAN BUT...
WHAT DO I KNOW?
THEY CAME IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL SO MANY TIMES OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, NEVER ONCE MENTIONING THEIR MOTHER.
TO BE ABLE TO WRITE SUCH CRUEL AND CHILLING STORIES — WHAT KIND OF A PERSON IS SHE?

IMPECCABLY TALENTED, EXTRAORDINARILY BEAUTIFUL.
AND... A TERRIBLE MOTHER.


Good morning, Doctor!
Sanguo is going home now.
Why didn't you wake me up?
Sanguo likes watching Doctor sleep.
I'll take you home. Let me go wash my face.
It's okay, Sanguo knows the way back.
Yawn
I already said that I'll take you. Might as well treat you to breakfast too.
Thank you, Doctor!

Doctor, look! There are sparrows on the wires!
Sit tight, and don't move around!
Ok!
Bye, Doctor!

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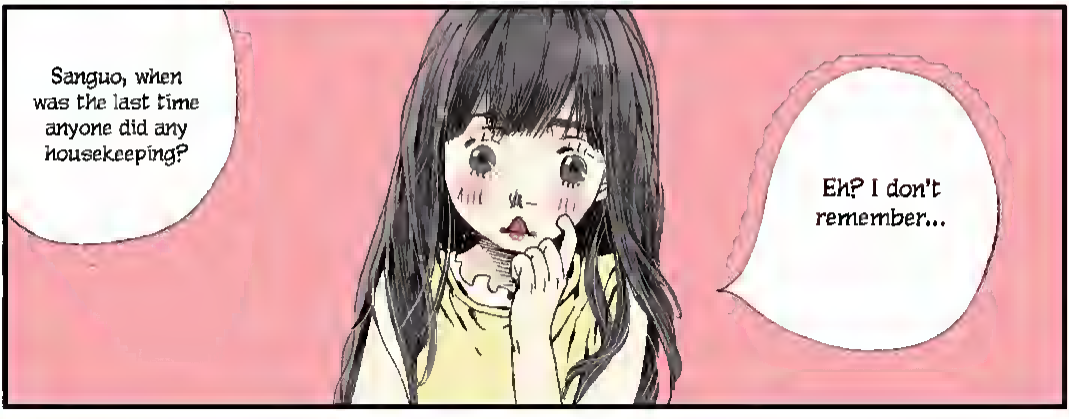
There are chocolates in the fridge. Do you want some, Doctor?


Sanguo, when was the last time anyone did any housekeeping?
Eh? I don't remember...

I think Big Brother cleaned the house before he left.
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That was three months ago, wasn't it!? Did nobody clean afterwards? What about your sisters?
My sisters never do any cleaning; it's always Big Brother who does it.
What is wrong with this family?!
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I just can't stand it anymore.
Let me clean this up!
Sanguo, bring me a few large garbage bags!
Got it!

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Extreme abdominal pain? Suspected enteritis? Did you get the lab results yet?
Hold on, why are you calling me? Hurry up and find a doctor on duty.
Sanguo, hold the phone for me for a sec.
They asked for me by name?
Mn.
Mn.
I'll head back to the hospital immediately.

The man who got admitted into the ER was an old friend of mine.

A serious case of acute peritonitis that required an emergency surgery.

It was a few days later when he'd been taken care of.

The ER got really busy after that, and I had to work almost around-the-clock.

When I could finally rest and remembered the promise I made with Sanguo, I began to hesitate.

Her mother still lives in that house. What if we accidentally run into each other?

Notwithstanding the fact that I've admired her for so many years, as an outsider, if I just barged into her home to clean up, what would she think?

I'll come help you clean next time!

A promise hastily made eventually evaporated into nothing but a shadow.

I only feel unbearable regret after all this time.

On that day, at the tail end of spring,

the brother's silent back disappeared into the sunlight.

Soon after that, the sisters had escaped too.

She was left behind in that house, along with the piles of garbage on the floor
She had always been such a good child
She had always... deserved so much better

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Translator

"Had birthday cake with beer yesterday. Definitely one of the weirder things, but not all that bad. Also, we're terribly sorry for the long delay, the next chapter will be coming on a more regular schedule again!"

mshchy
Typesetter

"Schedule? What schedule? Love doesn't have a schedule, mate."

Suga
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"Greetings from the bitter asshole of a redrawer."

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"Cams for the art... stayed for the story <3 "